



ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD

MINUTES

March 7, 2018
Committee Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC

Voting Members – Matthew Herman (chair), Matthew Pait (vice chair), Tyjuanna LaBennett, Matthew Kopac, Mark Dewitt, Casey Collins, Donald Addu

Excused Absences – Rachel McIntosh-Kastrinsky

Absent – Elizabeth Chan, Jessalee Landfried, Mark Koegel

Ex Officio Members/Staff – Laura Woods, Michelle Woolfolk, Tobin Freid, Javiera Caballero, Vicki Westbrook, Heidi Carter, Sandra Wilbur

I. Call to Order at 6:01 pm

II. Approval of Minutes, 7-0

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

IV. New Business and Continuing Business

- a. Don't Waste Durham update (Crystal Dreisbach); green-to-go (explanation & media outlet exposure), food truck program (Sustainable Food Truck Certification), school composting (E K Powe Elementary School), Food Forward (composting partner) (600 lbs diverted from landfill/week currently), (dontwastedurham.org), (durhamgreentogo.com), app coming soon.
- b. Litter loading in urban waterways (Maggie Chory & Jeremy Ilouljian, and Michelle Nowlin (law prof); partnering with city stormwater services, ecwa, don't waste Durham; discussed using MS4 to update NPDES to establish regulations; recommendations for CITY:
 - Conduct a special study (assess, survey, inform)
 - Public education & outreach
 - Public involvement & Participation (expand Stormwater STAR business recognition program, implement new, other programs)

- Regulate point-sources of trash as illicit discharges (amend Durham stormwater ordinance/city treat litter as illicit discharge/add BMPs to SECTION 7.4 of Durham SWMP)
- c. Discussed implementation methods (w/ examples), sponsorship ideas, major point sources (fast food restaurants, bus stops, strip malls, festivals/events
What can the EAB do?
- Prioritize stormwater litter reduction (1. Data collection, 2. Emphasis and focus on stormwater litter in stormwater ordinance, 3. Resources, advocate for more)

V. Announcements

- a. Next Board Meeting 4/4/2018 at 6:00 PM, 2nd floor Committee Room, City Hall
- b. Welcome Donald Addu (Citizens Climate Lobby), Casey Collins (Duke University)
- c. Javiera Caballero - EAB tasked by City to evaluate noise ordinance (noise pollution)
- d. Vicki Westbrook - Mayor Schewel will announce on 4/2 (April City Council meeting) April Mayor's Challenge for water conservation (mywaterpledge.com); over 1,000 cities participated, 4.6B gallons of water saved, last year
- e. Tobin Freid - April is Earth Month; Durham Earth Day (4/22) @ Durham Central Park. Also, April (every other year) Bull City Vegan Challenge (restaurants put vegan items on menu; sustainability theme for 2018; ~16 participating restaurants); mentioned Durham sustainability road map (available on City Council work session minutes). provided updates to renewable energy memo to City
- f. Matthew Pait - Creek Week, 3/17-3/24 (durhamcreekweek.org)
- g. Vicki Westbrook/matt h – Gen-X meeting w/ Vicki Westbrook at NCCU Law School Auditorium (3/22, 7:30pm)

VI. Adjournment at 7:50 pm

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